



# Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

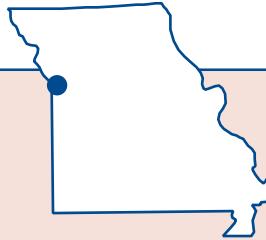
## Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, Kansas City, MO

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The Negro Leagues Baseball Museum (NLBM) was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The NLBM is located in the 18<sup>th</sup> and Vine district of Kansas City, which is among the neediest areas in the city. Kansas City is in Jackson County, which has a population of 659,723, of whom approximately 56,000 live in the 18<sup>th</sup> and Vine district. This target area, located in a federally designated Enhanced Enterprise Zone, has a population that is 84 percent minorities, a 7.2 percent unemployment rate, and a 20.7 percent poverty rate. The cleanup site is the former Paseo YMCA, which was built specifically to house black



### Cleanup Grant

New  
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**\$165,047 for hazardous substances**

EPA has selected the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct community outreach activities and cleanup operations for the Paseo YMCA site. Previous assessments have noted the presence of asbestos-containing materials, aviary waste, and a drum of sludge at the site.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

visitors to Kansas City and was the founding place of the Negro Leagues in 1914. The building, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, closed in 1970 and has fallen into disrepair. The NLBM is currently purchasing the site and plans to redevelop it into the Buck O'Neil Education and Research Center. Construction and rehabilitation of the Center would double the number of permanent NLBM employees and generate hundreds of jobs. Redevelopment also will eliminate potential health hazards, act as a catalyst for development, and enhance the neighborhood and surrounding communities.